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CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Welcome to our annual report for the year 2007. The year 2007 proved to be a very challenging, as well as rewarding year, for the Police Department. County Officials and members of the Police Department spent much of the early part of the year in Richmond, working with our legislators to craft the proper legislation to establish the Roanoke County Criminal Justice Academy.

We also moved into the brand new Public Safety Center during the third week of January. Everyone at the Police Department has been impressed by the comfort and space of the new building. It is a state of the art facility that we can all be proud of for many years to come.

In the spring we were called upon to assist our neighbors, the Virginia Tech Community, who had suffered a tragic event, and our organization responded as it always does with amazing proficiency and empathy.

We have started our first Academy Session and graduated our session I on March 14, 2008.

We also carried out the day to day tasks that police officers are called upon to complete and we submit to you this data so that you can judge the quality of this agency for yourself. I am pleased that you have taken time to study this report and I'm sure that you will agree with me that we had a great year.

Roanoke County Police Department Mission Statement

The Roanoke County Police Department recognizes the value of its employees in delivering quality police services to the citizens of Roanoke County. It recognizes that our officers' experience, intellect, education and training are great assets to both the Department and to each citizen of Roanoke County.

The Department's Mission is to create a safe environment wherein the citizens of Roanoke County are safe in their homes and on their streets. The protection of Constitutional rights and the highest level of confidence in the Department will be attained through a county-wide coalition of our citizens and Department members. This coalition will also confirm that existing services are evaluated in a proper manner.

The Roanoke County Police Department commits itself to providing excellent traditional enforcement services, while developing and initiating new and innovative approaches to police services.



REVIEW & GOALS

2007 Year in Review

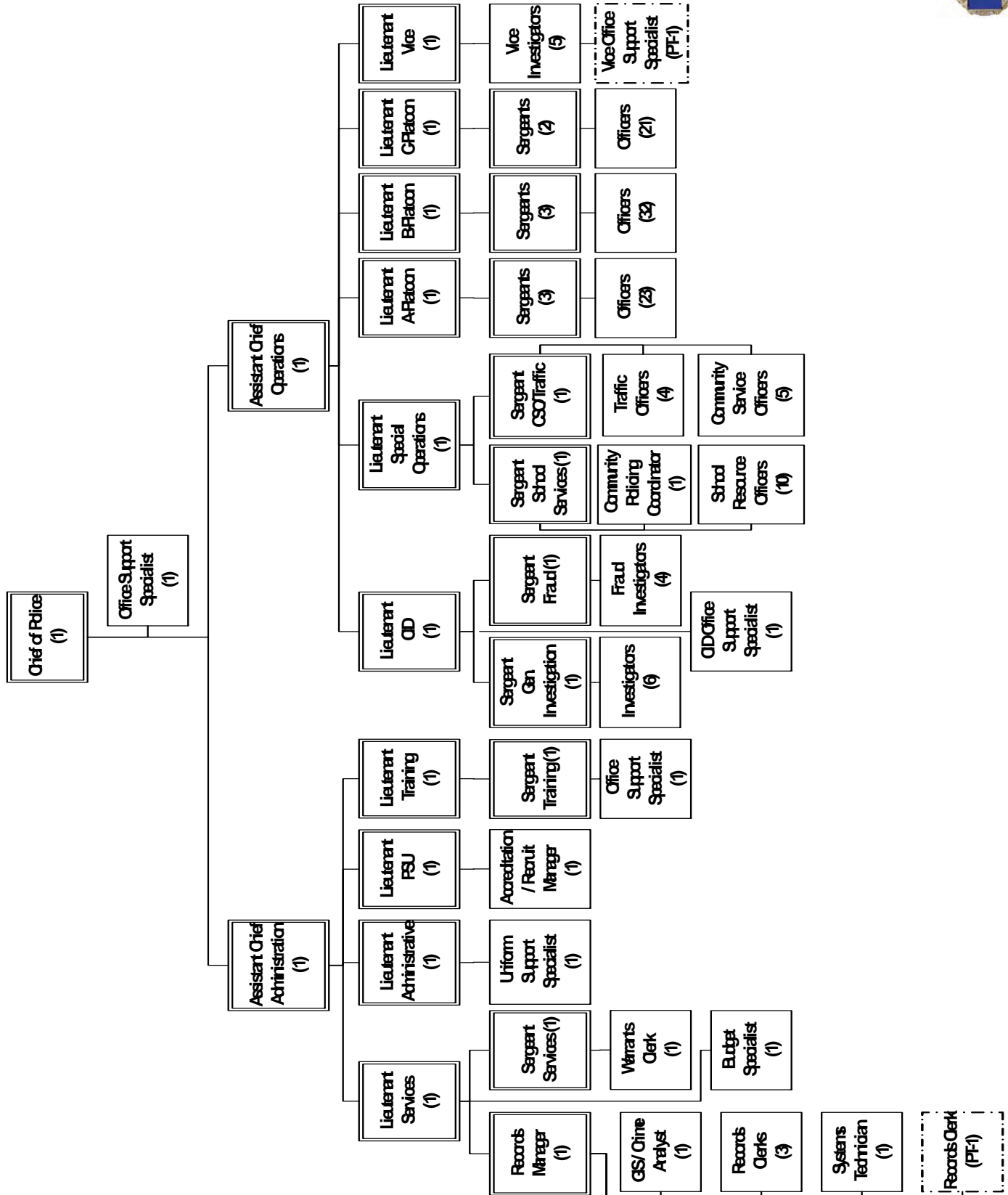
- The move to the new Public Safety Center was completed with no interruption of service to the public; not one call was missed nor was there any interruption in radio service to the police vehicles.
- In addition to the new Academy, a number of staff attended top quality training which will assist them in providing the type of police service our citizens expect.
- Funds were designated to upgrade our radio system to a state of the art digital system.
- As a result of internal studies, staff changes have been made and we will continue to monitor staff assignments to ensure that the public receives the very best in services.

Goals for 2008

- Monitor the activities of the new Roanoke County Criminal Justice Training Academy to ensure that all certifications are met and that we are producing a top quality educational product.
- Review our activities to determine if there are better methods to deliver services to our citizens.
- Make certain that all staff have the resources necessary.
- Continue with proactive law enforcement measures to ensure the crime rate stays at or is reduced in each category to below the national average.



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





CANINE PROGRAM



The Roanoke County Police Department expanded its K-9 Program this year by adding K-9 Ero, who partners with Officer Ricky Moore. This increased the Department's K-9 Unit to three teams.

The new team trained together for nine weeks at M.V. Moore, located in Amelia Virginia. Ultimately, the team became proud members of The North American Police Work Dog Association, an organization that has trained more than 19,000 K-9 Teams to date.



**Roanoke County's Newest
K-9 Team**
Officer Moore and Ero

Ero is an aggressive response dog, which means he has been trained to use biting and barking to control a suspect. He has obtained various certifications which include tracking, as well as area and building searches. Additionally, Ero has been trained in narcotic searches including; marijuana, cocaine, metham-

Ero is a three year old German Shepard, he was born in Germany but raised in the United States.
Ero comprehends dual languages, English and German.

Roanoke County's K-9 Teams

Narcotics Detection Team with an
Aggressive Response
Officer Moore and his partner Ero

Narcotic Detection Team with a
Passive Response
Officer Herron and his partner Zeke

Explosives Recognition Team
Officer Campbell and his partner Alto

COMMUNITY POLICING



National Night Out is a national event in which neighborhood watch groups demonstrate their support for police/community partnerships by giving crime a going away party. Neighborhood Watch groups across the country host these events each year on the first Tuesday in August.

On August 1, 2007, Chief Lavinder, his administrative staff, along with County Administrator Mr. Elmer Hodge and police officers in their districts, attended the 2007 National Night Out events across the County. These events ranged from cookouts and block parties to ice cream socials.

The following communities celebrated the 2007 National Night Out with an event; Glen Cove, Sun Valley, Woodlands, Mt. Pleasant, Georgetown Park and Mayflower Hills.



Many communities have voiced their opinion that National Night Out helps revitalize their neighborhood spirit. If you are interested in celebrating National Night Out in your community, please contact Officer Orange @ 777-8651.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Citizen Police Academy gives opportunity to the citizens in the area to become educated on police practices and procedures. In 2007 there were 42 attendees.

The Police Department was the first in Southwest Virginia to establish such a program which is now mirrored by several other agencies.

During the academy the citizens meet for three hours, one night a week for a total of thirteen weeks.

- School Resource Officer Program
- DUI Testing and Prosecution
- Firearms Range — Participants are allowed to fire police issued weapons at the Roanoke Regional Firearms Range.
- Driving Range— Participants are allowed to drive police cars through a series of low speed cone courses.
- Ride Along Program — Participants are given the opportunity to ride with a police officer during their shift.

If there is interest in attending the academy, please contact Officer Orange, the Community Policing Coordinator at (540) 777-8651 or e-mail eorange@roanokecountyva.gov.



Topics include:

- Crime Scene Investigation
- Animal Control
- RADAR
- Traffic Stops



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Year in Review

- Clearance rates were maintained well above the national average. Comparison of 2007 CID rates with most recent available national averages reveals:
CID clearance of violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault) is 56.5%, compared to national average of 44.3%
CID clearance of property crimes (burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft) is 19% compared to national average of 15.8%
- A second Sergeant was added to CID and placed in charge of the Fraud Unit, bringing the total number of people assigned to the Fraud Unit to five.
- Assigned a Fraud Detective to the new Roanoke Valley Financial Crimes Task Force, a federal task force operated through the US Postal Inspectors Service which targets fraud related crime.
- Participated in the sharing of intelligence and information concerning street gangs, fraud crimes, and other criminal activities with local, state and federal investigators working in the Roanoke Valley Area.
- Successful completion of the state Forensics Academy by a Detective who will serve as a Crime Scene Technician.
- Successful completion of polygraph training by a Detective to now serve as a polygraph examiner.

Criminal Investigations Case Load

	Assigned	Cleared	Clearance Rate
Abduction	8	8	100%
Burglary	194	32	16%
Check Crimes	211	165	78%
Grand Larceny	156	35	22%
Homicide	1	1	100%
Larceny	48	15	31%
Malicious Wounding	6	3	50%
Rape	19	14	74%
Robbery	18	9	50%
Sex Crimes (Other)	56	33	59%
Suicides	7	5	71%
Theft of Vehicle	22	10	45%
White Collar Crimes	338	164	49%
Other Offenses	429	298	69%
Totals	1513	792	52%

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS



GOALS

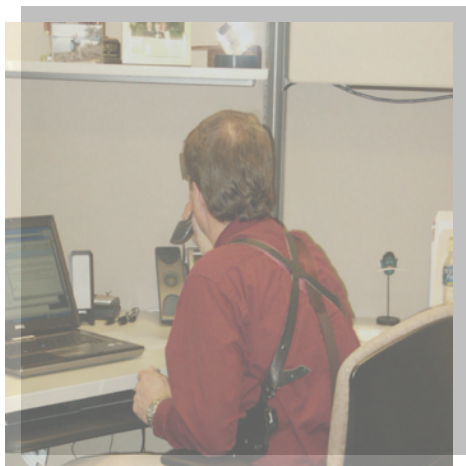
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2008



CID has set the following goals for the year 2008:

- Maintain a clearance rate for criminal investigations higher than the national average.
- Assist in the Department's efforts to improve collection and analysis of information by enabling Detectives to utilize the electronic reporting system.
- Improve the ability to effectively make use of physical evidence by:
 - Adding a Detective to serve as a full-time Crime Scene Technician
 - Training additional Patrol personnel to serve as supplemental Crime Scene Technicians
- Enhance the ability to investigate and prosecute fraud crimes perpetrated by organized groups through continued participation in the Roanoke Valley Financial Crimes Task Force.
- Improve delivery of services to victims of domestic violence and child abuse or neglect, by combining and coordinating efforts of Detectives investigating those crimes into a single unit within CID.

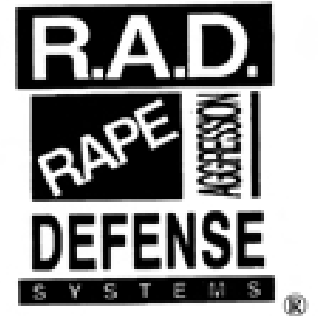




EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Rape Aggression Defense

Since 2002 approximately 200 women have successfully completed the Rape Aggression Defense Program (RAD). This program is taught by RAD certified instructors and is designed to teach women self-defense techniques against a sexual assault. The program is held weekly, for a period of four weeks. Each session is three hours in length. This class is free of charge to any female over the age of 13. However, those younger than 18 require parental permission. If you are interested in learning more about the RAD program contact Detective Hook at (540) 777-8629 or e-mail at rad@roanokecountyva.gov.



Child Safety Seat Inspection and Installation

Each month the Roanoke County Police Department holds child safety seat inspections and installations. Trained officers are available the first Thursday of each month from 2:00-4:00, at the Hollins Fire and Rescue Department #5 and at the Cave Spring Fire Department #3. For more information you can contact the Traffic Enforcement Unit at (540)777-8649.

VIN Etching

VIN Etching is a crime prevention program that places the vehicles identification number on every window of the vehicle. This prevents the VIN plate from being altered on a stolen vehicle because the VIN etched number is placed right around the VIN plate on the vehicle's dash. This makes it easy for the police officer investigating a case to make sure the numbers are the same. The glass is the most expensive part of the vehicle, therefore marking the window prevents the vehicle from being sent to chop shops where a \$20,000 vehicle can be stripped for parts and sold for \$40,000. The Department purchased VIN etching equipment in December 2005, and have since held 8 VIN etching events and have etched 158 vehicles.



**C.O.P.S CAMP
ACTIVITIES**
Mock Crime
Scenes and
Trials
High Ropes
Course
Archery
Canoeing on
Spring Hollow
Reservoir



Roanoke County's rising 7th and 8th graders have the opportunity to spend a week at the over-night residential camp known as "C.O.P.S Camp." Campers are able to spend a week with officers enjoying many fun activities.

This program is accomplished through the combined efforts of the Police Department, Roanoke County Schools as well as the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Departments.

ACTIVITY REPORT



2007 ACTIVITY REPORT

ACTIVITY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Incident Reports													
Homicide	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Forcible Rape	3	1	4	2	4	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	21
Robbery	0	3	2	4	1	1	3	1	5	2	1	2	26
Aggravated Assault	9	17	14	9	11	19	8	5	7	6	118		124
Simple Assault	51	44	59	51	63	26	43	48	50	70	51	51	607
Burglary	27	18	18	17	20	23	21	24	37	21	31	19	276
Larceny	89	60	73	66	70	57	79	101	75	73	103	85	931
Theft of Vehicle	8	1	2	2	6	5	6	3	3	5	4	2	47
Arson	1	1	2	0	0	1	5	3	0	2	4	0	19
Total	189	145	174	151	175	133	166	186	178	179	206	169	2051
Traffic Summons													
	1474	1126	1205	1181	1730	1182	1238	1340	1164	900	1409	1215	15164
Calls for Service*													
	7855	6388	7552	7168	8109	7480	7442	7133	7014	6644	7326	7270	87381
Alarm Calls for Service													
Received	149	139	171	164	142	144	140	126	139	138	148	144	1744
Police Response	141	134	161	153	136	137	133	120	132	133	140	135	1655

ACCIDENT ACTIVITY

Total Accidents Received in Dispatch	<u>3242</u>
Accidents Responded - DMV Reportable Calls for Service	1338
Accidents Responded - Non-Reportable to DMV Calls for Service	1423
Other	481

* Calls for Service reflect and include officer initiated calls in addition to citizen calls for service



TRAFFIC SAFETY

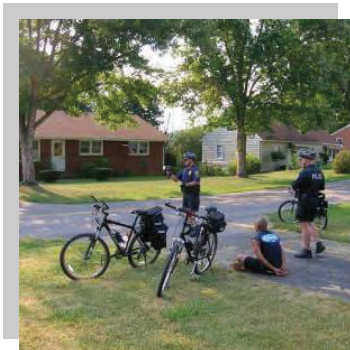
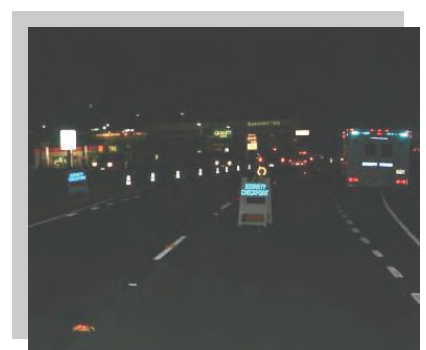
The Roanoke County Police Department was very active in promoting traffic safety during 2007 by the enforcement of traffic laws and educational efforts. For its efforts, the Department received first place in the Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge for the third consecutive year. The program recognizes the best overall traffic safety program and awards agencies by category according to the number of sworn officers. The Department also received the Governor's Transportation Safety Award for its work on the Blue Ridge Regional Crash Investigation Team. The Crash Team is a partnership in Southwestern Virginia between law enforcement agencies, traffic engineers, physicians, and other traffic safety advocates. The mission of the team is to provide support in crash investigations, studies of crash trends, advanced training, and traffic safety presentations. During the past two years, the Department has been the lead agency in the team for facilitating training, traffic safety presentations, and the implementation of specialized enforcement and crash investigation equipment.



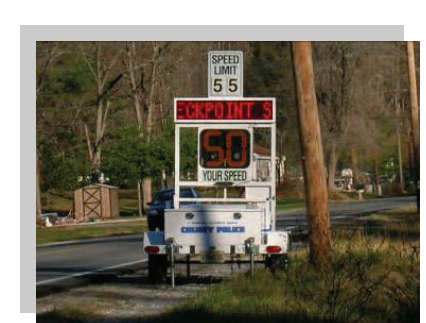
At left, Lt. M. Viar and Sgt. T. Wyatt accept the First Place Award for the Law Enforcement Challenge from the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police. At right, Governor's Transportation Safety Award.



During 2007, the Department conducted 30 sobriety and license checkpoints, more than any other agency in Southwestern Virginia. Checkpoints are effective tools in both the identification and prevention of impaired and other dangerous drivers.



Left, bike officers complemented the Department's efforts to increase enforcement on secondary roadways. This motorist was arrested for an outstanding warrant in addition to his summons for speeding. Right, a new speed trailer became a complement to the Department's efforts to reduce speeding problems.



TRAFFIC SAFETY



During 2007, the Department continued to promote traffic safety with a number of different programs. The “Why Math Matters” program, which won state and national awards in 2005 and 2006, was presented in math, physics, and driver education classes. The program combines traffic safety topics such as speed and occupant protection with state mandated standards in the high schools. The “Partnering for the Privilege” program was presented in each high school to reach both parents and teens with the traffic safety message.

In 2007 the Department purchased a golf cart to complement efforts to promote awareness of the dangers of impaired driving. By driving the golf cart while wearing ‘Fatal Vision’ goggles, which simulate the effects alcohol has on vision, participants learn first hand the dangers of impaired driving. The Department received a donation from State Farm Insurance to purchase a car trailer to create a more portable “mock crash” set up at traffic safety events. The Department has since taken the trailer and accompanying crashed car to other localities to assist in the prevention of traffic crashes.



Above, an “impaired driver” during the Department’s Open House. Below, a driver education class from Northside High School.



Above, two car crashes staged concerning speeding and occupant protection. Clockwise from right, Chief J. Lavinder and Off. C. Brown present a citizen with the Department’s Saved By Belt Award. Officer M. Christian teaching child seat installations. PO Il J. Greene teaches Cub Scouts the dangers faced by young drivers. School Resource Officer C. Torzewski with a survivor of a DUI crash after a presentation at Cave Spring HS.





INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Internal Affairs

The Department strives to ensure that it offers to the citizens of Roanoke County the most professional police force possible. To that end, the Department examines the actions of employees that are involved in complaints of misconduct. Although the delivery of some police services is not always welcome by those associated with an event, the Department expects employee's interactions to be professional. The Department takes a proactive approach by investigating all complaints made against members of the Department.

The information below is a reflection of activity from the period beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007. A single complaint/investigation may involve more than one officer, and as a result, there may be multiple outcomes for a single investigation.

Nature of Investigations and Number Reported (#14)

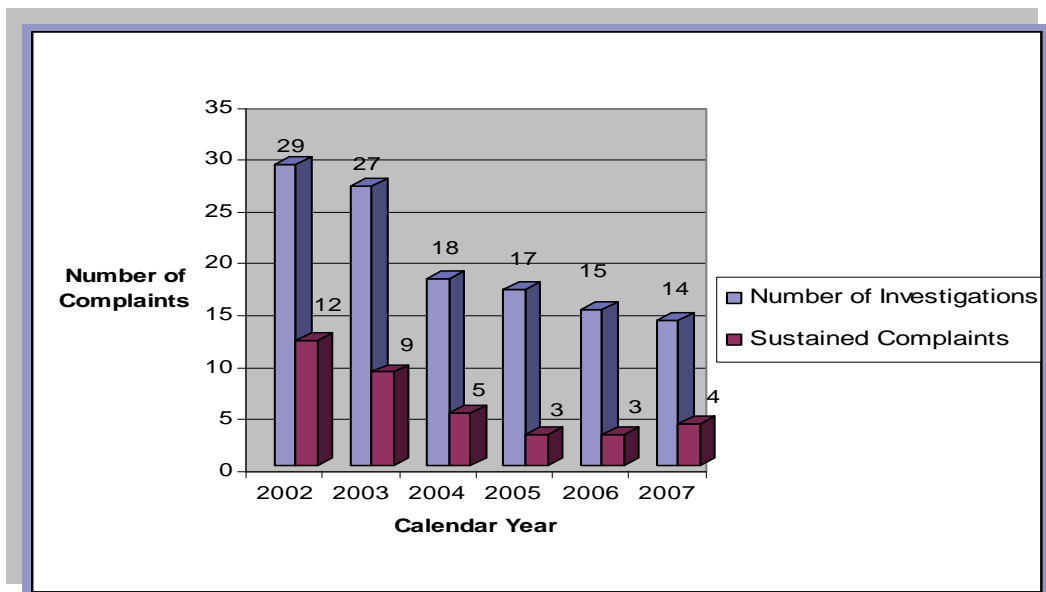
Untruthfulness or Deception - 2
 Conduct Unbecoming an Officer - 5
 Demeanor or Rudeness - 2
 Mishandling Investigation - 2
 Excessive Use of Force - 1
 Speeding - 1
 Property Rights Violation - 1

Outcomes of Complaints on Police Officers

Sustained Complaints 4 (29%)
 Not Sustained Complaints 10 (71%)
 Under Investigation – Outcome Pending –0

4 Outcomes on 4 Sustained Complaints

Counseling - 1
 Oral Reprimand - 1
 Written Reprimand - 0
 Suspension - 0
 Demotion - 0
 Resignation - 2
 Termination - 0



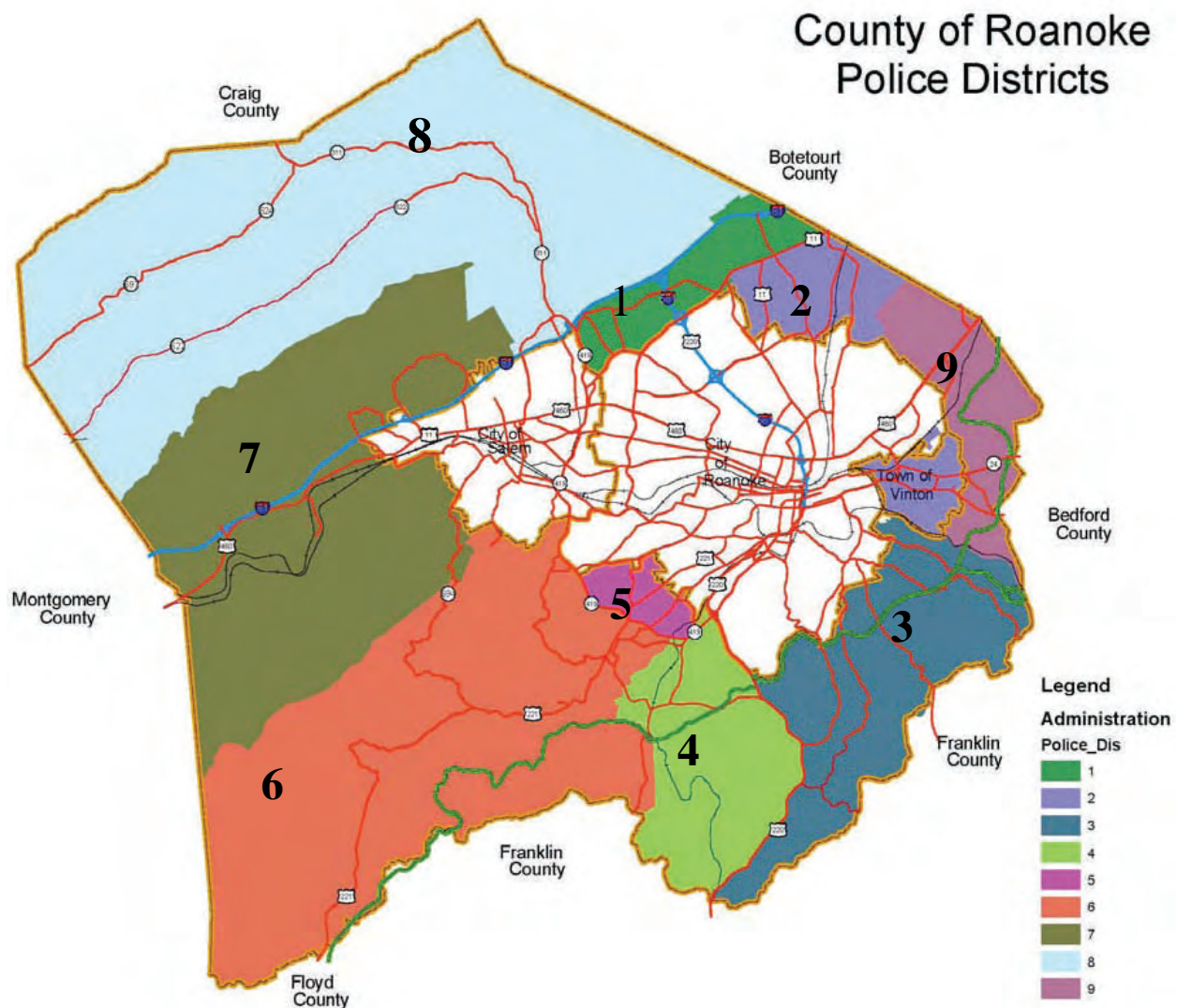
Grievances

There were two grievances filed during calendar year 2007. These grievances—one, filed on January 12, 2007, challenged a Workers Compensation decision; and the second, filed on February 22, 2007 challenged the outcome of an internal affairs investigation and a sustained finding.

POLICING DISTRICTS



Description	Budget FY 2007	Budget FY 2008	Proposed FY 2009	% Change 08-09
Personnel	\$8,743,083	\$9,729,219	\$8,331,877	-15% (*)
Operating	\$1,063,983	\$1,107,483	\$1,114,153	+ .6 %
Capital	\$758,311	\$868,161	\$868,161	0
Total	\$10,565,377	\$11,704,863	\$10,314,191	- 12 %



* Change reflects shifting personnel costs to emergency communications center as an independent department.



EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Congratulations to the Employees Receiving Awards in 2007!



Uniform Division Officer of the Year **Police Officer II T. B. VanMarter**

Officer VanMarter has been employed with the Department for eight years. During this time he has served as a patrol officer, field training officer, an evidence technician, SWAT Team member, where he serves on the entry team. Officer VanMarter also instructs in areas to include O.C., Less Lethal Devices, Chemical Munitions, and Distracting Device Instruction. Officer VanMarter displays dedication to his job by providing excellent training for his trainees as well as his high level of performance on the job.

Officer VanMarter, quickly assists in all areas needed, frequently mentoring younger officers and counseling other officers in learning and finding their own solutions to situations.

Leadership Award **Sergeant K. L. Slough**

Sgt. Slough, who has 11 years with the Department, was the recipient of the Leadership Award. Sgt. Slough has taken over the field training program, as well as provided guidance to personnel, not only on his shift, but to anyone who needs assistance. Sgt. Slough has evaluated the field training program, (extending it to 15 weeks), to include a transitional phase for those exiting the academy, as well as designed new features to encourage positive outlooks for future trainers as well as trainees. Sgt. Slough also serves the Department as a Defensive Tactics, ASP, and PR-24 instructor. Slough spends numerous hours working with the recruits in the academy to prepare them for the streets. Sgt. Slough is said to be knowledgeable, professional, helpful, and non-judgmental.



Rookie of the Year **Police Officer R. S. Torres**

Officer Torres was voted Rookie of the Year by his peers on midnight shift. Torres started with the Department 8 months ago. The members of midnight shift have recognized Torres as a very active officer, as evidenced by his 3 months on evening shift. Torres has self initiated many different calls to include DUI's and drug investigations.

Torres has a high issuance rate of traffic summonses and stays busy checking buildings and stopping cars throughout the duration of the entire shift.

EMPLOYEE AWARDS



Criminal Investigations Detective of the Year **Detective D. L. Flynn**

Det. Flynn has 24 years of service, to include time in the Uniform Division, he was an original member of the Traffic Enforcement Unit and is presently serving in the Criminal Investigations Division. Det. Flynn also has 10 years of experience as an Evidence Technician. He has been awarded Top Gun for the past 3 years.



Det. Flynn has solved numerous burglaries, assisted Virginia Tech with crime scene processing on April 16, 2007, received confessions on cases with minimal evidence, and attended an Outdoor Recovery Course specializing in recovery of buried bodies.

Special Operations Officer of the Year **Police Officer II D.J. Walters**

PO II/SRO Walters has been with the Department since October 1998. He is currently a School Resource Officer at Cave Spring Middle School. At the middle school, Walters participates in the school band and is an assistant coach for the football team. Walters was appointed as the director of the annual COPS camp this year, and has plans for several different activities for the youth attending the camp.



Walters has accepted responsibility for the planning of the annual Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police golf tournament, where proceeds are utilized for several assistance and education programs. In addition to Officer Walters other attributes he brings to the Department, he is a field training officer, a driver instructor as well as the Driving Training Coordinator. When school is not in session, Officer Walters' works with the uniform patrol division. Officer Walters loyalty and devotion is without rival.





EMPLOYEE AWARDS



Civilian of the Year **J.S. Prettyman**

Office Support Specialist, Judy Prettyman, was recognized this year as Civilian Employee of the Year. She has been with the Department for 6 years. On many occasions Judy has assisted with small projects, in which she is always quick to assist and prompt in completing the task. Since July, she has been balancing her obligations to the uniform officers, while taking on the responsibilities associated with administrative tasks related to the Academy. She has demonstrated a get-it-done attitude regardless of the increased demands. Judy's assistance, patience, quickness in learning the new ACE tracking system, establishing necessary relationships with members of DCJS staff, and countless entries for the recruit class, enabled the first basic class to begin on time and with minimal interruptions to the students. Judy is described by co-workers as a valuable, responsible employee, of which many



Communication Officer of the Year **CO III April Payne**



CO III April Payne, has dedicated herself to the communications operations for 4 years. April was chosen as the 2007 Communications Officer of the Year by her peers because she is an excellent shift supervisor, commendable dispatcher, admirable project manager, and a respected trainer. Throughout the year she has filled in when necessary as an "acting lead". One of her peers described April as "an enthusiastic dispatcher from day one of her employment."

April has diligently worked on CALEA in the past year. She continues to lead by example, and completes task before expected deadlines. She ensures her trainees can multi-task and handle an average shift load, while pushing them to the limits of their abilities. April is a real asset and a pleasure to work with in the Emergency Communications Center.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS



Top Gun Award

Police Officer M.S. Christian

Once a year the Department holds an intradepartmental shooting competition at the firing range. This competition is used to build morale and confidence. It is an MDA course shooting 50 rounds. The score is calculated based on the number of rounds fired, those in the ten-ring as well as those in the 7-9 rings, thus allowing the top score to be 500 points. In the case of a tie, then the total number of ten-ring shots are calculated to determine the winner.

For 2007, Officer Christian took the Top Gun Award scoring 474, with 7 ten-ring hits. Officer Christian has been a member of SWAT since 2006, he serves as a sniper for the team. He is also a traffic unit officer, a bike unit officer, and a child safety seat installation instructor. Christian has been with the Department for four years.



Life Saving Award

Police Officer R.M. Vass

On June 26, 2007 a female subject in emotional distress was sitting on the bank of The Roanoke River at Wayside. Officer Vass along with Officer N. Gardner responded. Upon arrival and speaking with the female subject, she jumped into the river. Without knowing the depth of the water, in full uniform, and without hesitation, Officer Vass jumped into the chest high deep water. Vass was able to apprehend the subject when she came up for air, where she was removed from the waters and transported for necessary treatment. Officer Vass displayed dedication to duty as well as an unselfish commitment to serve our community, through his exceptional performance. Officer Vass has serviced the Department and community for approximately four years.

Citizen Commendation

Steve Goodwin

Steve Goodwin, the Community Traffic Safety Program Manager through the Highway Safety Office, located in Roanoke, Va., has provided direct support to the Department's traffic safety efforts. Over the past several years, Goodwin assisted with various checkpoints, both sobriety as well as license. He has assisted in many educational efforts to promote traffic safety in Roanoke County. He participated in numerous mock car crashes conducted in the County's high schools. His leadership of the Crash Team has earned the team several local and statewide awards and led to presentations by the team at the National level. His experience and knowledge concerning the investigation and reconstruction of crashes has assisted the Department and he has always been quick to respond to crashes, day or night.





UNIFORM DIVISION

Goals for 2008

- Review the results of the regional training drill held in October of 2007 with the Schools and the Fire Department.
- Address recommendations arising from the assessment.
- Expand on all areas of training to include rapid response.
- Participate in other training scenarios with other departments as well as professions.
- Evaluate the scheduling cycles to better manage manpower.



- Determine if there is a more efficient system to better accommodate schedules for those who instruct in the police academy.
- Evaluate and improve our capabilities and use of crime analysis for special enforcement.



Year in Review

- Every sworn member of the Department attended the active shooter scenario based training this past summer.
- Paperless reporting system up and running. The transition to a broad-band product enables the officers to more adequately and efficiently identify offenders. It also allows officers and supervisors to complete and check reports as well as pending calls from the field.
- Continue to send supervisors to leadership training, to include the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va., which is a 12 week administrative school for developing leadership skills.
- Participated in ILTC and PELS, which is sponsored by the VACP.
- Sent two to VSP/FBI's first line supervisor school in Richmond, Va.
- Participated in a regional drill in October of 2007 with Fire and Rescue, the County schools, and several neighboring jurisdictions and hospitals.



SERVICES DIVISION



Services Division

- 2007 allowed for 6 '07 Dodge Chargers to be introduced to the vehicle fleet. 5 of those are marked
- There were 3700 pieces of evidence submitted by officers to be entered and handled
- The Department responded to 65 FOI/Duces Tecum requests
- Warrants Division processed approximately 4041 forms of legal process, (I.E., capias, warrants, indictments, etc).
- Records personnel processed over 81,200 cases, 1,254 crashes, over 1,200 requests for information related to crashes, and 15,353 traffic summons.

- State Police approved NCIC/VCIN access to Mobile computers if conducted within a Virtual Private Network (VPN)
- The MDT fleet was reduced from 72 to 40. The fleet of 40 was set up to be largely pooled

- Crime Analyst Position was reclassified to a GIS/ Crime Analyst
- Department recognized the need for a Systems Technician. The Systems Technician Position will be the responsible liaison between the new Emergency Communications Center and the Police Department in matters related to VCIN/ NCIC.

The Police Department and the Communication Center separated into two separate entities, which was effective October 1, 2007. This was a smooth transition. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by responsible parties that allows the center to continue accessing VCIN/NCIC information.





POLICE ACADEMY

Roanoke County's Police Academy Class 07-01

On March 14, 2008, the Roanoke County Criminal Justice Academy Graduated the first Basic Law Enforcement Class 07-01. Class 07-01 persevered through 21 vigorous weeks of basic training consisting of an array of specialized courses used to prepare the recruits for the stressors they would encounter on the job. In addition to the numerous hours within the classroom the recruits faced numerous mental and physical challenges as well as testing their application of knowledge within a practical environment. The Academy is committed to producing a well rounded officer who is physically and intellectually strong to successfully execute their duties in a professional and ethical manner. Recruits were required to pass Law-Fit, a physical fitness assessment test, with a minimum score of 200 points. LawFit consists of a battery of five tests: 1.5 mile run, maximum pull ups, 1 maximum bench press, sit ups, and seat-reach flexibility test. Each of the recruits successfully achieved the minimum score and four achieved a score above 250 points placing them as the first members of Club 250.

The development of the Academy began in Spring of 2005 after numerous trips to Richmond to meet with the General Assembly. The Department of Criminal Justice Services granted The Roanoke County Police Department the authority to create the first independent academy in the Commonwealth for almost 20 years. The Academy owes a debt of gratitude to a large cadre of instructors, who established the lessons plans and subsequent presentations for the 21 week curriculum. It was their hard work and extra hours that made it possible for the Academy to achieve certification and subsequently produce ten exceptional officers.



Classroom lectures and Practical Exercises

- Numerous hours of legal
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Investigations ranging from Burglaries to Domestic situations
- Day of Chemical Training to include CS Gas as well as the O.C. Spray
- Pursuit Procedures
- Use of Force
- Defensive Tactics
- Rapid Response Training
- A week of Driver Training



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